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Serial No.: 09/724,583

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Antagonist-Related Molecules
and Uses Thereof

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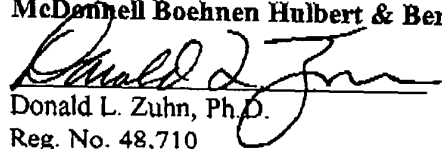
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 2, 2002

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Please amend the title at page 2, lines 1-2 to read as follows:

A1

**NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING INTERLEUKIN-1 RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST-
RELATED-PROTEINS AND USES THEREOF**

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

A2

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence:

(a) as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1;

(b) of the DNA insert in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1423;